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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, BG, (HUQ, SHAMSUL)

SUBJECT: REQUESTED VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF SHAMSUL HUQ

REF: STATE 198355

1. HUMAYAN KABIR, MINISTER AT THE BANGLADESH EMBASSY, HAS PHONED DESK TO STATE THAT SHAMSUL HUQ, DEFACTO BANGLADESH FOREIGN MINISTER, IS PLANNING A FIVE-DAY VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN OCTOBER.

2. HUQ WILL BE IN THE US TO LEAD HIS COUNTRY'S DELEGATION TO THE UNGA. WE POINTED OUT TO KABIR THAT THE SECRETARY WILL BE AT THE UNGA FOR TWO WEEKS AND THAT WE HAVE THEIR EARLIER REQUEST FOR A MEETING THERE UNDER CONSIDERATION. KABIR SAID THAT THE BDG STRONGLY PREFERRED A WASHINGTON MEETING.

3. WE INTEND TO TELL KABIR THAT WE REGRET THAT AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON, INCLUDING A MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND HUQ, CANNOT BE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME. WE HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO A PRIVATE VISIT HERE, BUT WILL POINT OUT THE DIFFICULTIES OF SCHEDULING MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON
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AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. FYI. THE BANGLADESH EMBASSY HAS ALREADY REQUESTED A HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE LUNCHEON FOR HUQ. A MORNING COFFEE IS MORE PROBABLE.

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